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SUBJ: GOM WILLING MEET ASEAN PARTNERS RE INDOCHINA BUT COLD
TO SUMMIT MEETING

1. SUMMARY: GOM MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET
WITH ASEAN PARTNERS TO COORDINATE POLICY ON INDOCHINA BUT DESPITE
PRESS REPORTS MFA SENIOR OFFICIAL DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL
COMMUNICATION
ON SUMMIT CONFERENCE FOLLOWING MAY ASEAN FONMIN'S MEETING.
END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS (FOREIGN
AFFAIRS) TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN WAS QUOTED BY MALAY-LANGUAGE
DAILY "UTUSAN MALAYSIA" APRIL 17 THAT GOM WILLING TO MEET
WITH OTHER ASEAN PARTNERS TO DISCUSS INDOCHINA SITUATION.
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THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING REPORTS

THAT AN ASEAN SUMMIT MIGHT BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
UPCOMING ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HERE MAY 13-15.
PENANG "STAR" CARRIED UNSOURCED REPORT APRIL 18 THAT MFA
POLITICAL UNDERSECRETARY YUSOF HITAM WAS IN BANGKOK TO CONFER
WITH MALAYSIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS THERE ABOUT CAMBODIAN
SITUATION AND VOA SAME DAY REPORTED THAI ANNOUNCEMENT OF
ASEAN AMBASSADORS' MEETING IN BANGKOK.

3. EMBOFF APRIL 17 CALLED ON MFA PRINCIPAL ASST SECRETARY
(PAS) RESPONSIBLE FOR BILATERAL REALTIONS WITH ASEAN
COUNTRIES AND ASEAN POLITICAL MATTERS WHO ASSURED HIM THAT
MINISTRY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RUMORED SUMMIT MEETING FOLLOWING
ASEAN FONMINS' MEETING. IN AN ASIDE, PAS REMARKED
THAT GOM DOES NOT FAVOR SUMMIT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE TUN
RAZAK IS RELUCTANT TO MEET PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS
BEFORE CONCRETE PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOP TO RESOLVE
THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE PROBLEM. HE ALSO GUESSED THAT
PRESSURE FOR SUMMIT ORIGINATED IN JAKARTA.

4. WE PRESUME THAT MALAYSIANS ARE PREPARED TO MEET ON
INDOCHINA AT TOP CIVIL SERVICE LEVEL OR PERHAPS EVEN AT
MINISTERIAL LEVEL (WITH RITHAUDDEEN ACTING FOR TUN RAZAK),
PARTICULARLY REGARDING SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITION AND MEANS TO
ENCOURAGE HANOI TO ATTEND ASEAN FONMINS' MEETING (INVITATIONS
HAVE GONE OUT TO ALL NON-ASEAN SEA COUNTRIES AS IN THE PAST,
BUT HANOI HAS NOT YET REPLIED ACCORDING TO PAS). TUN'S
DISTRUST OF MARCOS, PARTICULARLY AFTER WHAT MALAYSIANS SEE
AS GOP'S EFFORT TO MANIPULATE GOOD OFFICES OF BOTH TOHAMY
AND INDONESIA WITHOUT MAKING ANY SUBSTANTIAL MOVES TO
SATISFY MORO REBELS, PROBABLY PRECLUDES SUMMIT AT THIS
TIME.
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